(b) if so, the details of the new Monitoring Mechanism;

(c) the detailed reasons for change of the mechanism for monitoring the works; and

(d) whether study has been conducted that change in the mechanism for monitoring the works would be conductive to overcome the short-comings in the present system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLIMENTATION (SHRIGK. VASAN): (a) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to strengthen monitoring of MPLADS.

(b) and (c) The improvement in the monitoring mechanism is under consideration of the Government to have a comprehensive and qualitative assessment of the MPLADS works executed or under execution by the implementing agencies and to study whether various aspects such as topographical, structural, environmental, social, cultural and statutory requirements have been taken into account in the sanction and execution of MPLADS works. Change in the monitoring mechanism is being proposed from the current year by the Government. Under the new monitoring system, National Level Monitors, Agencies and Institutions would be involved for monitoring, evaluation and impact assessment of this Scheme. Revised Guidelines on MPLADS inssued on 16th November, 2005 also provides for a clear role for the Government of India, State Governments, District Authorities and Implementing Agencies in monitoring the review of the Scheme.

(d) Yes, Sir. An evaluation study of MPLAD Scheme was done by the Programme Evaluation Organisation (PEO) of the Planning Commission. The Evaluation Report submitted in January, 2002 has made specific suggestions for effective implementation and monitoring of the MPLAD Scheme to achieve better results.

Water-logging In metros due to rains

3007. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by his Ministry to stop water-logging in metropolis from just one or two rains spelts;

(b) the names of cities in Bihar for whose improvement of the condition Government propose to take steps; and

(C) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) Since storm water drainage is a State Subject, it is for the State Governments to take necessary steps to stop water-logging in metropolises under their jurisdiction. However, in order to assist the State Government in providing necessary infrastructure for preventing water-logging, Additional Central Assistance is being provided under the Jawaharial Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT).

In so far as cities in Bihar are concerned, Patna and Bodh Gaya have been selected under JNNURM whereas other cities/towns are eligible under UIDSSMT but no proposal has been received from Government of Bihar in this Ministry so far.

Mumbai Urban Transport Project

3008. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra had initiated a Mumbai Urban Transport Project for improvement of traffic and transportation conditions in Mumbai, with the help of World Bank aid;

(b) if so, the details of infrastructure including the rail component to be created and improved, the cost thereof and the manner in which the cost is to be shared and the nature and extent of World Bank and Central assistance proposed or secured for the purpose; and

(c) the stages of approval/clearance the matter has been through and the schedule for implementation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project includes the following components:

(A) RAIL COMPONENTS:

(i) New lines:

(a) 5th & 6th lines between Kurla and Thane